

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks) NG-0001
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general)
rate increase for Aquila's Rate Area)
One (Communities include)
Plattsmouth, Bellevue, Ralston,)
LaVista, Papillion, Gretna,)
Waterloo, Elkhorn, Valley, and)
Blair).)
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks) NG-0002
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general)
rate increase for Aquila's Rate Area)
Two (Lincoln).)
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Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks) NG-0003
(Aquila), Omaha, seeking a general)
rate Increase for Aquila's Rate Area)
Three (Communities include Adams,) ORDER SETTING PLANNING
Arlington, Ashland, Auburn, Aurora,) CONFERENCE
Avoca, Bancroft, Battle Creek,)
Beatrice, Bee, Beemer, Bennet, Blue)
Springs, Bradshaw, Cheney, Clatonia,)
Columbus, Cortland, Craig, Crete,)
David City, Dewitt, Dorchester,)
Eagle, Elmwood, Emerson, Endicott,)
Exeter, Fairbury, Fairmont, Firth,)
Friend, Garrison, Geneva, Grafton,)
Greenwood, Hallam, Hampton, Hickman,)
Holland, Horner, Hooper, Humboldt,)
Humphrey, Jackson, Johnson, Lindsay,)
Louisville, Madison, Manley, Mead,)
Meadow Grove, Milford, Murdock,)
Murray, Mynard, Newman Grove,)
Nickerson, Norfolk, North Bend,)
Oakland, Odell, Osceola, Palmyra,)
Panama, Pawnee City, Peru, Pierce,)
Pilger, Plymouth, Rising City,)
Rosalie, Schuyler, Scribner, Seward,)
Shelby, Stanton, Staplehurst,)
Sterling, Table Rock, Tecumseh,)
Tekamah, Thurston, Tilden, Uehling,)
Ulysses, Wakefield, Walthill,)
Walton, Waverly, Wayne, Weeping) Entered: August 5, 2003
Water, West Point, Wilber,)
Winnebago, Wymore and York).)

On June 30, 2003, Aquila filed the above-captioned rate applications. Each application was published on July 2, 2003, in The Daily Record, and the 30-day protest and intervention period expired on August 1, 2003.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds that it should set a planning conference in this matter for August 13, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Commission notes that scheduling of the planning conference does not preclude the parties from initiating discovery. At the planning conference, the Commission will establish deadlines for discovery response times, among other items. The Commission anticipates that the timing for discovery responses will be shorter than those specified by the Nebraska Supreme Court Discovery Rules. Therefore, the Commission urges parties to immediately begin preparing responses to all discovery requests, pending issuance of an order establishing such response times.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a planning conference is set for August 13, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Library, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of August, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director